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# CRITICAL APPRAISAL OF CIA

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For a long time now the Central Intelligence Agency has faced bitter campaigns of criticism inside and outside the United States. Most Americans want to banish this dreadful spectre for which they pay enormous taxes and about which they know nothing, but they don't know how.

Nevertheless, this campaign has now taken on a more positive form. Criticism against the agency has begun from within the agency itself, each person having his own reasons.

However, let us give you the most important of this criticism. Here is the story of Victor Marchetti.

Sixteen years ago Victor Marchetti began working in a profession that he had often dreamed about when he was young. He had joined the dark world of espionage.

But just 2 years ago, after having attained the highest rank in the American CIA, he felt great dissatisfaction with what he described as the "immorality" that pervades the agency and with the growing military influence, the waste, and the abuse and misunderstanding of the spying profession. Hence his decision to retire.